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Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., August 15th, 1890.

O. C. Bosbyshell, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I would suggest that you prepare for my consideration in connection with the new regulations, a new article in lieu of article 14 of the present regulations in regard to the purchase of blanks and minor coinage metal, conforming the regulations to the instructions heretofore given you on the subject by me.

Article 14, as it exists at present in the regulations, was designed to apply to a state of facts when the mint purchased the metal and made the planchets. Now that the mint buys the planchets already made this article does not apply, and I had thaught that I would rather have Mr. Cobb or one of your bookkeepers prepare the article for my consideration than prepare it personally.

If you have any suggestions to make in connection with article 15, I will thank you to submit them.

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late Director in regard to the cost of the coinage dies manufactured at your mint for the other mints. The late Director ruled that the cost of the dies should be re-imbursed your appropriation. [See section 2, article 16 of the regulations]. It was evidently the intention of the law in establishing an engraving department in your mint and in providing in your appropriations, based on your estimates, for the salary of the Engraver and the wages of his assistants, that the making of dies should be exclusively performed at the Phicadelphia mint, and that the labor should be paid from your appropriation. The re-imbursements of this cost are, in my judgment, illegal, as well as a small matter which gives us a great deal of trouble in the Department in making the re-imbursements from the different appropriations and in keeping the accounts straight.

Unless you know of some good reason why the present regulation on that subject should be continued it seems to me that it would be better to leave the ~~appropriation~~ expenditures for the dies, including the cost of labor and material, to your mint exclusively, as was always done prior to the last administration.

I trust that you are giving considerable attention to the matter of the preparation of the new regulations, as I am exceedingly anxious

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to get the best judgment of my officers on the subject and to have the new regulations complete for the approval of the Secretary by the end of this month.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

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